

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes

Department of Education
Cabinet Room
Dover, DE 19904
July 12, 2018
5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Amber Augustus, Celeste Bunting, Jennifer Campbell, Earle Dempsey, Terri Eros, Holly Grandfield, Darren Guido, Sandra Hall, Fran O'Malley, Darlene O'Neill, Loretta Phipps-Greig, Mary Pinkston, and Sue Smith.

Members Absent: Gerald Allen, David Kohan, and Byron Murphy

Others Present: Chris Kenton, PSB Executive Director; Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, representing the PSB; Rick Lane, PSB Administrative Assistant; Jinni Forcucci, 2018 Teacher of the Year; Wendy Modzelewski, DOE; Michelle Johnson, DOE

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order:** Darren Guido called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.
- B. **Roll Call**
Rick Lane conducted roll call for the meeting with 12 members present (Bunting, Campbell, Dempsey, Eros, Grandfield, Guido, Hall, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith, Ms. Augustus arrived late).
- C. **Approval of Agenda**
A motion was made by Fran O'Malley and seconded by Terri Eros to approve the July 12, 2018 agenda. *The motion carried* (12 Yes to 0 No's – Bunting, Campbell, Dempsey, Eros, Grandfield, Guido, Hall, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith).
- D. **Approval of Minutes for March 1, 2018**
Due to insufficient members present, the May 2018 minutes were not able to be approved. Due to changes in membership, the April 2018 minutes will never be approved as final, so will be posted in draft form.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Executive Director's Report

Chris Kenton reported that he:

- Held several meetings with the Licensure and Certification Office
- Presented to DASPA at their monthly meeting
- Held a PDACC Prep Meeting with our PDACC Co-Chairs
- Attended a Prep Session at the Governor's Office with our new PSB Members
- Attended the Senate Confirmations for our new PSB Members
- Presented with Jon Neubauer and Chip Simpson on Ethics at Teacher Academy
- Completed and turned in the PSB Quarterly Report
- Held a meeting with Laura Makransky, Rick Lane and a potential Hearing Officer
- Participated in a ETS Webinar
- Met with some of our out-going PSB Members
- Presented at the Bi-Annual H.R. Directors' Meeting
- Held a meeting with Rick Lane and members of the DOE Finance Department regarding the FY19 PSB Budget

IV. Presentations

Jinni Forcucci gave a presentation regarding her experiences as the 2018 Delaware Teacher of the Year

The Board took a brief recess at 5:52 pm to enjoy refreshments and meet with Jinni Forcucci following her presentation. The meeting reconvened at 6:13 pm.

V. Action Items

A. Regulation 1507 – Alternative Routes to Teacher Licensure and Certification Programs

Chris Kenton and Laura Makransky presented Regulation 1507 – Alternative Routes to Teacher Licensure and Certification. Due to changes in code, the regulation will need to be repealed as the Board no longer has any authority over these programs. The Department has asked that the Board allow time for the amended DOE regulation to move forward before repeal of Regulation 1507.

A motion to table the regulation was made by Sue Smith and seconded by Loretta Phipps-Greig. The motion carried (12 Yes to 0 No's – Augustus, Bunting, Campbell, Eros, Grandfield, Guido, Hall, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith).

B. Regulation 1517 – Paraeducator Permit (for Publication)

Chris Kenton and Wendy Modzelewski presented Regulation 1517 – Paraeducator Permit. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed regulation and suggestions were made to amend the regulation with regards to expiration and reissue of permits.

A motion to amend the regulation to remove limitations for reissuing a permit to an applicant whose permit has expired was made by Celeste Bunting and seconded by Terri Eros. The motion carried (11 Yes to 0 No's – Augustus, Bunting, Campbell, Eros, Grandfield, Guido, Hall, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; Dr. O'Malley abstained).

A motion to approve the regulation for Publication as amended was made by Sue Smith and seconded by Holly Grandfield. The motion carried (12 Yes to 0 No's – Augustus, Bunting, Campbell, Eros, Grandfield, Guido, Hall, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith).

VI. Discussion Items

A. Regulation 1504 – Certificate of Eligibility (Letter of Comment)

Chris Kenton presented a Letter of Comment that was received for Regulation 1504 – Certificate of Eligibility. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed concerns in the letter. Laura Makransky will craft a response based on discussion and will present the letter for approval at the August PSB meeting.

VII. PSB Standing Committees

A. Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the Townsend Building.

B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation Criteria Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cabinet Room at the Townsend Building.

VIII. Other

A. License Disciplinary Action Update, PSB File No. 2018-02

Laura Makransky provided the Board with an update on PSB File No. 2018-02. A hearing has been scheduled for September and a hearing officer assigned.

B. License Disciplinary Action Update, PSB File No. 2017-01

Laura Makransky provided the Board with an update on PSB File No. 2017-01. The petitioner has appealed the decision of the Board to Delaware Superior Court. An update will be given to the board on the appeal after Superior Court has issued a decision on the matter.

C. Hearing Officer Update

Chris Kenton provided the Board with an update on potential Hearing Officers for educator hearings. The Board will review the resumes for the applicants and approve at a future meeting.

D. Approval of 2018-2019 PSB Meeting Calendar

Chris Kenton presented the proposed 2018-2019 PSB Meeting Calendar. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed calendar and a suggestion was made to amend the August 2018 meeting time.

A motion to approve the 2018-2019 PSB Meeting Calendar as amended was made by Sue Smith and seconded by Terri Eros. The motion carried (12 Yes to 0 No's – Augustus,

Bunting, Campbell, Eros, Grandfield, Guido, Hall, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith).

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Pinkston and seconded by Sue Smith. ***The motion carried*** (12 Yes to 0 No's – Augustus, Bunting, Campbell, Eros, Grandfield, Guido, Hall, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith). The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.